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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO DISAPPROVE THE TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

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1 To the Members of the United States Congress:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the totalization agreement between the United States and
4 Mexico was signed by the commissioner of social security and the director
5 general of the Mexican social security institute on June 29, 2004; and

6 Whereas, the totalization agreement between the United States and
7 Mexico coordinates the countries' social security programs, negatively
8 impacting the United States social security system and putting America's
9 seniors at risk; and

10 Whereas, the social security administration estimates this agreement
11 with Mexico would result in 50,000 additional Mexicans qualifying for social
12 security benefits during the first five years, costing the United States
13 social security system \$525 million, with costs totaling \$650 million per
14 year by 2050; and

15 Whereas, the agreement would create an additional incentive for
16 unauthorized workers to enter the United States; and

17 Whereas, the agreement with Mexico involves highly uncertain costs and
18 would affect the long-term solvency of the social security trust fund.

19 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
20 Arizona, prays:

21 1. That the Congress of the United States disapprove the totalization
22 arrangements between the United States and Mexico.

23 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
24 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
25 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
26 the State of Arizona.